

Northampton Borough Council Overview and Scrutiny



Overview and Scrutiny Committee

6 July 2015

Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2015/2016

1 Background

- 1.1 An annual Overview and Scrutiny work programming event is held. It is an opportunity for non-Executive Councillors to consider ideas for the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme for the year.
- 1.2 The event for 2015/2016 was held on Wednesday, 17 June 2015.

2 Work Programme Event 2015

- 2.1 The Chief Executive opened the event. Directors, together with other Officers, provided assistance to Councillors when they considered suggested issues for review.
- 2.2 Cabinet Members informed the event of their priorities and objectives for the year
- 2.3 Councillors considered:
 - The suggestions put forward by the public and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for future Scrutiny review
 - Cabinet's priorities
 - Councillor's own ideas

3 Suggested Reviews for inclusion on the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2015/2016

- 3.1 In three Groups, Councillors, supported by a Director or Head of Service, put forward suggested issues for inclusion on the Overview and Scrutiny work programme 2015/2016.
- 3.2 The event discussed the suggestions proposed by all three groups and agreed that the following proposed issues be prioritised by the

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Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its inaugural meeting for inclusion in the O&S Work Programme 2015/2016:

- **Environmental Crime** - The purpose of the Review could be to investigate behaviours (environmental crime) on the streets
- **Health Check of the Local Economy** - The purpose of the Review could be to look at how Northampton Borough Council can influence the local economy
- **Licensing Policy** – The purpose of the Review could be to investigate the pattern of provision, including gambling, taxis and private hire

4 Recommendations

- 4.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agrees its Work Programme for 2015/2016 from the issues suggested by the recent Work Programming event.
- 4.2 That membership of the three Scrutiny Panels is set and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee appoints the Chairs of the three Scrutiny Panels.
- 4.3 The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee invites other non-Executives, who are not a member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to join the membership of the Scrutiny Panels.
- 4.4 That the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee communicates details of the Work Programme 2015/2016 with all Councillors, and Directors.
- 4.5 That the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme for 2015/2016 is published on the Overview and Scrutiny page of the Council's webpage.